Regional Advisory Committee on Substance Use Disorders and Prevention RAC – Region 3 Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2013

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Chair: Penny Jones Co-Chair: Joe Langan

Regional Director: Ross Mason

CRDS: Joy Husmann

Welcome, Sign In, and Announcements:

Penny welcomed everyone and asked them to sign in. Penny wanted to thank the RAC for the get well cards that truly lifted her spirits.

Meeting Schedule for 2013 and Presentation Requests:

Penny asked the RAC to suggest presentations for upcoming meetings. Suggestions were Gangs and Treatment, Legislative Session Summary, Children of Incarcerated Parents, Marijuana and Rx Abuse, and Community Coalitions of Idaho (CCI). Penny will be attending the tri-annual CCI meeting in Lewiston the first week of March and will provide an update in March. Penny updated the RAC that she and Brad with Elmore County Medical Center are working on a substance abuse coalition between Owyhee and Elmore counties.

The RAC Region 3 has expressed interest in merging the Boards and thus has been invited to attend the Region 3 Mental Health Board to the March 27, 2013 at 10:00 am meeting to begin the discussions of merging the Boards. Each Board meeting typically lasts about two hours so there has to be some discussion as how it will be modified as not to be a four hour meeting. Joy reinforced the fact that all Board positions are voluntary and she is here to help facilitate the discussion/development of the Regional Behavioral Health Board. Joy reported that there are multiple RAC subcommittees in other regions that report back to the Board and it shortens the length of the overall meetings as well as makes them more "working" Boards. Joy reminded the group that the RAC/MHB 2013 schedule is listed on the MHB and RAC websites, as well distributed electronically.

Regional Behavioral Health Update:

Todd reported that he is preparing his staff and Dept. for the coming changes from the 19-2524's. The AMH/SUD's referral process has not been implemented as of yet, due to the lack of training on how the process will work. Todd requested that any provider updates/brochures/etc. be forwarded onto Joy for use by DHW clinicians in the forthcoming referral process. 18-211's and 18-212's (not fit to proceed) have increased from an average of 2 per year to 8-9 already this year.

IDOC SUD's Update:

Suzette provided expenditure/utilization data and she reported that they are trending slightly over budget and on track to serve more offenders in the FY13. There will be a change in Statute for the 19-2524 potentially March 1 where every client will receive a GAIN Core. Suzette stated that there will also be a co-pay of 5% for clients with the exception of RSS and assessments.

Please communicate with the client's Parole Officer or District Manager if you have concerns about any client. Clients can access 30 days of transitional housing funds and 60 days of SUD housing funds for a total of 90 days. There are a number of changes coming up for IDOC, however, they are focused on a recovery oriented system of care as well. Todd had requested regional numbers – Region 3 IDOC client demographics. During the GAIN Core, clients can be referred for a mental health assessment through each region.

Provider Updates – BPA:

Mike Dickson reported that the ATR misdemeanant probation population has been populated fully. This does not affect any other populations through ATR. GPRA's need to be completed in compliance with ATR Grant requirements. Mike encouraged the providers to pay close attention to their case management, particularly housing needs for their IDOC. WITS is scheduled to launch for all providers in the near future.

Resources and Updates:

There will be a School Resource Meeting on March 4, 2013 from 1-4 pm here at the Dept. Drug Free Idaho will have a series of free presentations over the course of the next 4 weeks and the info is posted to the RAC website. The Idaho Liquor Division will be releasing their mini-grant applications sometime in March. ICADD registration will open up on March 4th and close on April 2nd for early bird registration. ICADD scholarships will be posted to the website for RAC Region 3 members. www.attendicadd.com Joy reminded everyone about the two Toolkits that will be developed/offered over the course of coming months and if anyone wants more information, please contact Rosie.

Proposed Behavioral Health Legislation:

SB1023 submitted by Ross Edmunds, email update: The transformation legislation, formally SB1023, was pulled because input from the court needed to be addressed. It is now going to be reintroduced as new legislation. The Senate H&W committee is not a privileged committee and the time has passed for new legislation to be introduced in none privileged committees. The current plan is that the legislation will be scheduled for a print hearing in Senate Jud & Rules. It will then be scheduled in Senate H&W for hearing if it is sent to print from Jud & Rules.

Other Business:

Michelle Turner reminded the members that the National Health Service Corp. is currently accepting applications for loan repayment and qualified sites. http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/

Next Meeting: March 20, 2013 at 10:30 am at DHW Caldwell. Meeting adjourned.